

REMARKS

The Office's detailed attention to the instant application is greatly appreciated. Applicant also appreciates the Office's participation in a telephonic conference of October 23, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the above Amendments to claims 3-6 and 9-12. This response addresses the Office's detailed action of August 15, 2002, wherein the Office rejected claims 3-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Cardinal et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,799,318) in view of Doyle, et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,838,906). Applicant presents arguments below that address the Office's rejection of claims 3-12. Applicant respectfully submits that the arguments traverse the Office's rejection of claims 3-12 and that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim 3

In ¶ 3 of the instant Office Action, the Office rejected claim 3 over Cardinal, et al. (or Cardinal reference), in view of Doyle, et al. (or Doyle reference). Claim 3, as amended (showing markings), recites:

A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer system to access a web site, the method comprising the steps of:

displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated with an address of the web site;

launching a web browser application in response to a user of said computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

accessing the web site using said web browser application and said address of the web site.

1 Amendments to claim 3 include insertion of “web” before “browser
2 application” and insertion of “on a desktop” after “desktop icon”. Thus, claim 3 is
3 directed “displaying a desktop icon on a desktop”, “launching a web browser
4 application” in response to a user selecting the desktop icon for execution and
5 “accessing the web site using the web browser application”.

6 The Cardinal reference does not disclose, teach or suggest a web browser
7 application, nor launching a web browser application or accessing a web site using a
8 web browser application. Further, the Cardinal reference does not disclose, teach or
9 suggest a desktop icon associated with an address of a web site. Therefore, the
10 Cardinal reference does not disclose, teach or suggest the subject matter of claim 3.

11 The Doyle reference does not disclose, teach or suggest displaying a desktop
12 icon on a desktop nor launching a web browser application by a user selecting a
13 desktop icon on a desktop. Therefore, the Doyle reference does not disclose, teach
14 or suggest the subject matter of claim 3.

15 For the foregoing reasons, the Cardinal and Doyle references, alone or in
16 combination, do not render the subject matter of claim 3 obvious. Thus, the rejection
17 of claim 3 as being unpatentable over the Cardinal reference in view of the Doyle
18 reference is traversed.

19 Further, there is no motivation to combine the Cardinal reference and the
20 Doyle reference. The Cardinal reference is directed to an item browser that helps to
21 keep track of revisions in documents and the Doyle reference is directed to
22 modification of a web browser to parse hypermedia documents. For example, the
23 Cardinal reference discloses an item browser that pertains to modifications to an item
24 (col. 10, lines 65-67) while the Doyle reference discloses software modifications that
25 allow a web browser to parse a hypermedia document and detect links to data objects

1 in the document (col. 9, lines 24-28). While it is apparent that the Cardinal reference
2 does not disclose a web browser and that the Doyle reference does not disclose
3 launching a web browser application in response to a user selecting a desktop icon
4 on a desktop; it is also apparent that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be
5 motivated to combine the Cardinal reference and the Doyle reference. Assuming
6 arguendo that such a motivation existed, Applicant still does not understand how one
7 of ordinary skill in the art would combine these two references and arrive at the
8 subject matter of claim 3.

9 In ¶7 of the Office Action, the Office states that “both systems [Cardinal and
10 Doyle] link resources of information to objects”. Applicant generally agrees but
11 maintains that this reason alone would not be sufficient to motivate one of ordinary
12 skill in the art to combine the Cardinal and Doyle references and arrive at the subject
13 matter of claim 3. In particular, the Cardinal reference simply discloses linking a file
14 and an attachment icon, e.g., consider the word processing document icon 410 of
15 Fig. 4 - “user selection of the attachment icon provides access to the attached file”
16 (col. 6, lines 63-67). Applicant fails to see how the teachings of the Cardinal
17 reference could be used to modify the teachings of the Doyle reference, or vice versa,
18 to arrive at the subject matter of claim 3. In essence, the Cardinal reference only
19 discloses an item browser, not a web browser, while the Doyle reference pertains to
20 modification of web browsers. Again, Applicant fails to find a motivation to
21 combine the two references.

22 Thus, for the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that (i) there
23 is no motivation to combine the Cardinal reference and the Doyle reference and that
24 (ii) even if a motivation to combine existed, the subject matter of claim 3 is
25 patentable over the Cardinal reference in view of the Doyle reference.

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2 **Claim 4**

3 In ¶4, the Office rejected claim 4 under 35 USC §103 over the Cardinal
4 reference in view of the Doyle reference. Claim 4, as amended (showing markings),
5 recites:

6 *A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer system to*
7 *access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:*
8 *displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated*
9 *with a file containing information relating to the web site;*
10 *accessing the web site using an already executing web browser*
11 *application and said address for the web, in response to a user of said*
12 *computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution, wherein said web*
13 *browser application is separate from said file.*

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15 Amendments to claim 4 include insertion of “web” before “*browser*
16 *application*” and insertion of “*on a desktop*” after “*desktop icon*”. Thus, claim 4 is
17 directed “*displaying a desktop icon on a desktop*”, “*accessing a web site using an*
18 *already executing a web browser application*” in response to a user selecting the
19 desktop icon for execution and “*accessing the web site using the web browser*
20 *application*”.

21 Applicant relies on the foregoing discussion of claim 3 to overcome the
22 Office’s §103 rejection of claim 4 as being obvious over the Cardinal reference in
23 view of the Doyle reference. Further, Applicant notes that neither reference
24 discloses accessing a web site using an already executing a web browser application
25 in response to a user selecting the desktop icon for execution, as recited in claim 4.

1 Thus, Applicant submits that claim 4 is patentable over the Cardinal reference and
2 the Doyle reference, and the rejection traversed.

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4 **Claim 5**

5 In ¶5, the Office rejected claim 5 under 35 USC §103 over the Cardinal
6 reference in view of the Doyle reference. Claim 5, as amended (showing markings),
7 recites:

8 *A graphical interactive computer system for accessing a desired*
9 *document located at a network location, comprising:*

10 *means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon*
11 *associated with a file containing a network address corresponding to the*
12 *network location;*

13 *means for enabling a user of the computer system to interactively*
14 *select said desktop icon for execution;*

15 *means for launching a web browser application in response to the*
16 *user selecting said desktop icon for execution, if said web browser*
17 *application is not currently executing, wherein said application is separate*
18 *from said file; and*

19 *means for retrieving the desired document from the network location*
20 *using said web browser application and said network address.*

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22 Amendments to claim 5 include insertion of “web” before “browser
23 application” and insertion of “on a desktop” after “desktop icon”. Thus, claim 5 is
24 directed “displaying a desktop icon on a desktop”, and “retrieving the desired
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1 *document from a network location using said a web browser application” in*
2 *response to a user selecting the desktop icon for execution.*

3 Applicant relies on the foregoing discussion of claim 3 to overcome the
4 Office’s §103 rejection of claim 5 as being obvious over the Cardinal reference in
5 view of the Doyle reference. Further, Applicant notes that neither reference
6 discloses accessing a web site using an already executing a web browser application
7 in response to a user selecting the desktop icon for execution, as recited in claim 5.
8 Thus, Applicant submits that claim 5 is patentable over the Cardinal reference and
9 the Doyle reference, and the rejection traversed.

10 11 **Claims 6-12**

12 In ¶6, the Office rejected claims 6-12 under 35 USC §103 over the Cardinal
13 reference in view of the Doyle reference. Claims 6-12 include independent claims 6,
14 9, 10, 11 and 12. Independent claims 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 include amendments
15 insertion of “web” before “*browser application*” and insertion of “*on a desktop*” with
16 respect to “*desktop icon*”. Applicant relies on the foregoing discussion of claim 3
17 to overcome the Office’s §103 rejection of independent claims 6, 9, 10, 11 and 12 as
18 being obvious over the Cardinal reference in view of the Doyle reference. Further,
19 claims 7 and 8 depend on amended independent claim 6; thus, the same discussion
20 applies to dependent claims 7 and 8, in that dependent claims 7 and 8 are patentable
21 for at least the same reasons as independent claim 6. Thus, Applicant submits that
22 claims 6-12 are patentable over the Cardinal reference and the Doyle reference, and
23 the rejection traversed.

1 **Conclusion**

2 Pending claims 3-12 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully
3 requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the subject application. If any
4 issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact
5 the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

6 Respectfully Submitted,

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Version of amended claims with markings to show changes made

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2 3. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer
3 system to access a web site, the method comprising the steps of:

4 displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated
5 with an address of the web site;

6 launching a web browser application in response to a user of said
7 computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

8 accessing the web site using said web browser application and said
9 address of the web site.
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11 4. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a computer
12 system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

13 displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon associated
14 with a file containing information relating to the web site;

15 accessing the web site using an already executing web browser
16 application and said address for the web, in response to a user of said computer
17 system selecting said desktop icon for execution, wherein said web browser
18 application is separate from said file.
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1 5. (amended) A graphical interactive computer system for accessing a
2 desired document located at a network location, comprising:

3 means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon
4 associated with a file containing a network address corresponding to the network
5 location;

6 means for enabling a user of the computer system to interactively
7 select said desktop icon for execution;

8 means for launching a web browser application in response to the
9 user selecting said desktop icon for execution, if said web browser application is
10 not currently executing, wherein said application is separate from said file; and

11 means for retrieving the desired document from the network location
12 using said web browser application and said network address.

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14 6. (amended) A graphical interactive method for permitting a first
15 computer system to access a web site, said method comprising the steps of:

16 receiving a desktop icon associated with a file from a second
17 computer system, said file containing an address corresponding to web site;

18 displaying the desktop icon on a desktop of the first computer
19 system;

20 launching a web browser application in response to a user of the first
21 computer system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

22 accessing the web site using said web browser application and said
23 address corresponding to the web site.

1 9. (amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
2 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable device,
3 launch a web browser application in response to a user of the programmable
4 device selecting a desktop icon on a desktop for execution, the desktop icon
5 associated with an address of a web site accessible by the web browser
6 application.

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8 10. (amended) A desktop icon for display on a desktop, said desktop icon
9 associated with a web site wherein selection of the desktop icon launches a web
10 browser application and causes the web browser application to access the web site.

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12 11. (amended) One or more computer-readable media having computer-
13 readable instructions thereon which, when executed by a programmable device in
14 response to selection of a desktop icon displayed on a desktop, the desktop icon
15 associated an address of a web site, launch a web browser application capable of
16 accessing the web site using the address.

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18 12. (amended) A graphical interactive system comprising:

19 means for displaying a desktop icon on a desktop, said desktop icon
20 associated with an address of a web site;

21 means for launching a web browser application in response to a user
22 of said system selecting said desktop icon for execution; and

23 means for accessing the web site using said web browser application
24 and said address of the web site.
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